Fathers’ Day Breakfast
We had a great turn out of fathers and grandfathers last Friday for the Fathers’ Day Breakfast despite the rainy weather. I would like to thank our amazing team of volunteers from the P & C who organised the morning’s food and arrived very early to set up and cook. Thank you also to the many teachers who cooked and served for our dads. We hope you enjoyed the morning.

Spring Carnival
The K-2 Spring Carnival was a huge success last week at Fagan Park on a beautiful, sunny day. Thank you to our wonderful canteen volunteers for providing sustenance to all. We know how hard you worked! Thanks to the students and parents for making this day so much fun, and of course, to our teachers who kept the activities and the day running smoothly. Well done, Point Clare.

Michael Salmon
Last week for our final Book Week activity, Michael Salmon, a children’s author and illustrator, presented to all the students. His sketches and caricatures kept the students, especially the older ones, entertained. He was also kind enough to sign personal copies of books for students.

Swim Scheme
The Swim Scheme is underway this week and next week with students attending the pool on the peninsula for 10 days of intensive swimming lessons. We know attendance at this event makes our students water safe and prepares them for the coming summer months. Thank you to our teachers who are working on a disrupted timetable for this time.

Late arrivals
It has come to my notice that there are several students arriving at school late every day due to various reasons. According to the Department of Education guidelines, ‘sleeping in’ or ‘running late’ are not justifiable reasons for arriving late at school. If your child is a regular late attender at school, their daily late arrival is marked as an unjustified absence unless there is a legitimate reason such as a doctor’s appointment.

It is important for children’s social development to be at school at least 10 minutes prior to the morning bell at 8:55 so that they can meet with and play with their friends and peers. If your child is late on a regular basis, we are asking that you may be able to discuss this as a family and perhaps make some changes to your morning routine so the morning is more relaxed for the children. Arriving in a big rush, late each morning, can lead to stress for the students and therefore they are not at their best for learning once they enter the classroom. If you would like some ideas about organising your morning, please feel free to book an appointment to discuss this with myself or one of our executive staff.

Holidays
The September school holidays commence on Friday afternoon next week. These holidays are for two weeks, with all students resuming for Term 4 on Tuesday, 6th October.

Jane Young, Acting Principal

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PLEASE NOTE - TERM 4 COMMENCES ON TUESDAY 6th OCTOBER, 2015

Please Note Calendar Changes
The Henry Kendall High School Transition Meeting
(Yr 6 to Yr 7) scheduled for this Wednesday is an evening for teachers only. Students and parents are not required to attend

Peer Support
This week in Peer Support children will revise what they have learned about resilience and discuss the people who show them support. Through a story, the children identify where the character has used her personal qualities, strengths and skills to help her overcome challenges. They identify times when she needed support to continue. The children discuss a range of challenges and determine the best person to approach for support. The children consolidate the protective factors for resilience by revising their own strengths and skills and identifying 5 people they can go to for support. Remind your child of their qualities and skills and encourage them to ask for help in challenging situations.

Mr Rayner – Co-ordinator

YOU CAN DO IT - Winners Week 9

Infants - Golden Ticket - Mia KPC - Getting Along
Iceblocks -
Maia KC - Resilience
Sarah 2FN - Getting Along
Phoebe 2FN - Getting Along

Primary - Golden Tickets -
Alex 3/4LA - Confidence
Iceblocks -
Jorja 4J - Persistence
Ernest 3/4LA - Getting Along
Riki 4J - Getting Along

K-2 Spring Carnival
I would just like to thank all students, staff and parents for a wonderful day. The weather provided us with a spectacular setting for the 2015 K-2 Spring Carnival and I was overwhelmed with the delightful behaviour of our students. What is always a day based around fun and participation did not disappoint and we were rewarded with acts of great compassion and congratulations from our children. I would like to give special thanks to everyone who helped setup, pack up and transport equipment to the field, our canteen for fuelling the children and of course our staff for standing in the sun and running the event. If anyone would like to send pictures or videos that they took on the day we would like to add them to our gallery (particularly videos of the parent’s race!!) You can put them on disc, USB or send them to our Facebook page.

Eric Thorsby

Sydney North Primary Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to Sam and Jorja who competed yesterday in the Sydney North Primary School Athletics Carnival. Sam came 2nd in discus and Jorja came 3rd in shot put. Both students have now qualified for the State titles to be held at Homebush in October. Well done!

Interschools Snowboarding Championships
For the third year running Sophie H has once again donned the race bib to represent Point Clare Public in the NSW State Interschools Championships in the snowboarding events. Racing through the flags in the Grand Slalom event Sophie found herself off the pace and down the field with a respectable 13th place. In her favourite event, the Boarder Cross, Sophie smashed through the high flying gnarly course posting consistent times and an 8th position that would qualify her to race in the National Championships against Australia’s finest.

Never one to relax, after completing her race schedule for 2015, Sophie concentrated honing her big jumps and half pipe skills in the terrain park for a future of freestyle competitions. Whatever the future holds for Sophie, she’s proud that her first ever medals were won representing Point Clare Public. Well done Sophie!
Roll up. Roll up!
Year 6 Movie Night Fundraiser
One night only!!!!
Wednesday, 16th September
Snuggle up and enjoy the luxury of an exciting movie in our own school hall!
Wear your PJ's, slide on some slippers and we'll provide the snacks!
K-2: 5.00 - 6.45pm
3-6: 6.45 - 8.30pm
$5.00 entry at door
A BBQ will be available for children (and adults) to purchase sausage sandwiches from 5.00pm – 7.00pm (additional cost of $3/sandwich + cordial drink)

Stage 3 Waterwatch
Last Tuesday, Stage 3 students walked to the waterfront at Point Clare to learn how to test the water quality in our waterways. The students tested things including salinity, turbidity, temperature and pH and will add their results to the Waterwatch database. This database is used by community members and local councils/government agencies to monitor water quality throughout Australian waterways. The students displayed excellent behaviour on the excursion and enthusiastically participated in the lessons. We would like to thank the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre for facilitating this great program at no cost to the school. We have borrowed a water testing kit and will make further trips to the waterfront to collect data throughout the remainder of 2015.
Mr McNeill - Rel. Stage 3 Assistant Principal

Art Camp News!
What a great time Ella R. had at the recent Year 5/6 Art Camp at Brookvale. She was most impressed with the Sculpture and Drawing elective workshops she participated in and is proud of the multimedia skills that she is developing. We commend Ella on the wonderful ambassador she was for our school and look forward to seeing her talent develop!

Operation Art Reminder
Don't forget to take some time to visit the Operation Art Exhibition at Homebush Armoury centre where we have 4 students from Point Clare exhibiting their work. It really is a worthwhile trip as the Artworks from public schools all over NSW, ranging from K-12, are outstanding. The exhibition is open until the end of October.
Judy Wilson

Western NSW Experience
During August, four Aboriginal students from Year 5 were fortunate to be invited to The Ricky Walford/Jenny Wright knockout in Walgett to play rugby league and netball. They represented the Gosford area along with 35 other students from Peninsula schools.
Bayley, Deklin Kyanah and Zoe competed against teams predominately from western NSW who live for their sport. They played six games during the day and the boys were part of the winning team, which was a fantastic achievement. The girls demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and finished 5th overall, with a team that was formed for this competition. An excellent effort from all our students.
The accommodation was at Lightning Ridge where the students had the opportunity to learn about the opal mines and how to ‘noodle’ for opals. Each afternoon the students experienced the natural ‘bore baths’, which was very relaxing after long days. They formed friendships with the local indigenous people who educated the students on the past ways of living and how they still apply today.
All the students thoroughly enjoyed this excursion and the experiences they participated in during their time at Lightning Ridge and Walgett. Their enthusiasm and excellent conduct did Point Clare proud.
Mrs Hyland
Cerebral Palsy Fundraising
On Wednesday 2nd September I commenced the challenge of completing 10,000 steps a day, for the entire month of September to raise vital funds for Cerebral Palsy Alliance. The average office worker only takes around 3,000 steps per day, so 10,000 steps a day is going to be quite the challenge. But it’s for a very worthy cause.

Cerebral palsy is the most common physical disability in childhood. One in two people with cerebral palsy are in chronic pain due to the tightening of their muscles. Many will never be able to take a single step without assistance. You can donate to my fundraising page: [http://bit.ly/1hT05mO](http://bit.ly/1hT05mO). Any amount you contribute would make a huge difference to children and adults living with cerebral palsy and of course encourage me to complete my 10,000 steps per day!

Thank you so much,
Johannah W (Year 6)

If you have a child entering Kindergarten next year, or know of a family with a Kindergarten age child, please ensure they are enrolled for commencement in 2016. Please collect an enrolment pack from the school front office ASAP so you can be part of our Transition Program.

School Banking
There are just 2 weeks left in our term 3 competition for our student bankers with more than 200 prizes up for grabs for students and schools.

![Rewarding regular savers with amazing prizes.](image)

Help the Dollarmites activate the Prize Portal for a chance to win
To activate the Prize Portal, students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 and they will automatically be entered into the competition for a chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. Students can also complete a Money Mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning a prize. Please note, students can start the Money Mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.

Win books for your school library
We’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 sets of children’s books for their school library, valued at $200.

For more information, visit commbank.com.au/prizeportal

Woolworths Earn & Learn
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 18th September 2015 when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator. Please place stickers on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and once completed simply place the sheet in the collection box at school. Please support the Earn & Learn Program which allows the school to purchase valuable education resources.

President, Point Clare Public School P&C

YOUR P&C NEWS
Hi all

It’s been a very busy time over the past few weeks for the P&C.

THE PCPS P&C SAYS THANK YOU!
Thanks to the parents and carers who have acknowledged the enormous effort the P&C and volunteers contribute to special events and fundraising activities for our school.

Thanks Vanessa Farley Els for your comment on our Facebook page after the Father’s Day Stall on Wednesday 2 September, “You girls are all incredible - time and time again it’s the same faces, smiling out at all the little people in our community. Thanks for your efforts xx.”

It’s not just the ‘girls’ though. There are ‘boys’ helping out too.

I hope all the dads and granddads had a fantastic weekend and enjoyed their special day. Did you know that dads and granddads make wonderful P&C members? Come and see what we do this Wednesday evening, 9 September at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

A quick reminder - please check your child’s uniform items are clearly labelled. There is a growing pile of jumpers and jackets with labels too faded to read. You might like to check the lost property tubs if any items have gone missing.

Cheers
Jen Moes
President, Point Clare Public School P&C

FACEBOOK PAGE
Keep up to date with P&C activities on our Facebook page. Here’s the link. Make sure to ‘Like’ us!
https://www.facebook.com/pages/PC-for-Point-Clare-Public-School

YOUR P&C GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, 7:30pm - PCPS STAFFROOM
We’ve been working on a line-up of guest presenters for the P&C general meetings.

This coming Wednesday Mitchell McNeil, Year 5/6 teacher at PCPS, will present a BYO iPad Strategy Update. Find out details about how this program is going so far (instigated earlier this year), where it is headed, and what the kids are achieving.

Bring another parent/carer along too, we’d love to meet you and share the news.
**Canteen**

**Spring Carnival**
What a great day of activities for our K-2 students! The Canteen staff loved being part of the day. We hope everyone enjoyed the BBQ, treats and drinks we had on offer.

*It would not have been possible to manage such a busy day without our fabulous Canteen employees, our amazing Canteen committee, and our superstar Canteen volunteers!*

Huge thanks for the awesomeness of all who helped out, both at our school canteen and at the carnival canteen. So much preparation and organisation goes into these big days and we appreciate all that everyone does to make the day a success.

**Canteen Volunteering**
To join our roster please contact Anwyn in the Canteen on Thursday or Friday via the school office 4325 0594, or fill in a Volunteer Form - found outside the Canteen door.

Thank you
Canteen Committee

**Uniform Shop**
Open Tuesdays during term 8:30am - 9:00am

**Lost Property**
End of term is nearly here and Lost Property is overflowing - 143 items! 98 of these are ‘no name’ items. Please check for any items you are missing.

*Items are cleared from Lost Property at the end of each term.*

Thank you to our volunteers who work to sort and label the many lost property items each week.

**Uniform Shop Online Orders**
Online ordering is available via MunchMonitor (www.munchmonitor.com).

Online orders are delivered each Thursday.
Cut off time for online orders is 7:00am Thursdays.
Orders can also be left at the office, and will be delivered to classrooms on Thursdays as well.
This service allows for credit card payments.
Please see the school website for full details.

Thank you,
Uniform Committee

**Fundraising News**

**Father’s Day Stall**
The annual Father’s Day Stall in the hall last Wednesday was a great success. We had a terrific response from eager students wishing to purchase something special for Dad or Grandad.

Thank you to all the wonderful mums who helped on the day - Nicole Stammers, Angela Mitchell, Jen and Kel Moes, Sian Kiss and Vanessa Farley Els. We sold far more than was expected and have very little left over.

Thanks to the teachers and students for their co-operation on the day, and also to Mitchell McNeill for allowing students who missed out on Wednesday to visit his room and buy gifts on Thursday and Friday.

**Huge Success!!** You are all wonderful and I am so grateful for your generous efforts and selfless volunteering.

**Father’s Day Breakfast**
It was terrific to see so many families attend - a great morning celebrating the wonderful fathers in our community. There were lots of happy kids sharing the morning with their dads and grandads.

Thanks to the help we received on the BBQ. It was a hit and we had some early arrivals wanting something hot for breakfast.

A special mention goes to the teachers who were amazing. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff in our school.

Finally, congratulations to the Crossley-Sheehan family who happily took home the Father’s Day hamper raffle prize.

**Family Portrait Day - Term 4, Sunday 18 October**
We will be holding our biannual family portrait day at the school on Sunday 18 October. It involves a 15min photo session with a professional photographer in the hall.

The cost is $20 per family, which is donated to the school. Each family receives a framed photo with the option to purchase more photos. There is also a chance to win a family portrait pack valued at over $200.

Keep an eye out for the detailed note coming home soon.

Thank you,
Fundraising Committee

**Community News…**

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Week 9, Term 3

Tuesday 8th September, 2015

**Fun Languages for Little Linguists**

*Give your child a head start!*
Make the most of your child’s natural abilities to learn a language before/during or after school.
Our professionally designed course involves songs, games, drama, craft—with the emphasis on FUN!

**ENROL NOW IN THE NEW IN SCHOOL FRENCH CLUB**
*At Point Clare Public School for TERM 4*

The French Club is celebrating Christmas!!!
*At Point Clare Public School*

Journey with HUGO, the little French snail and his friends all the way to FRANCE!!
Experience a White Christmas without the airfares!!!

*Joyeux Noel!*

Le Club Français is an active language learning programme specifically designed to introduce French to young learners.
They will have enormous fun learning through singing, making, playing, dancing, working on mini-sketches making a whole range of vocabulary at Le Club Français!

**SPECIAL FRENCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAM STARTING:**
**WEDNESDAY 07/10/2014 until WEDNESDAY 09/12/2014**
From 2.20pm - 2.55pm
Cost $125 for 10 weeks
*Students will be collected from their classrooms*

For more info and to book please email
nathalie.ray@tcs.tas.gov.au
Or contact 0430 286 590 Visit www.tcsclubs.com.au

**Gosford Public School**

**150th Commemorative Fair**

17th October 2015

**2015 Central Coast Ukulele Festival**

24th - 27th September

So get ready to strum by the sea at the beautiful location of The Entrance on the Central Coast.

**Plus**

Record Breaking Attempt
“The Most Ukulele Players strumming and singing with Moustaches”

**Sunday**

27th September 2015

SAILS STAGE Host - Liz Kitney

8.50am - 9.00am
9.00am - 9.30am
9.30am - 9.45am
9.45am - 10.00am
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10.45am - 11.15am
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**Welcome**

The Troubleshooters
Point Clare Public School
Tuggerah Public School
The Nukes workshop
Riverle
Ohana
The Everlele Brothers
The Lightly Strung Orchestra
The Paton Hill Ladies
Mirrabooka
The Wild Women of Armidale
The Nukes
Central Coast Ukulele Club